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ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

Provisional list of candidates

Note by the Secretariat

1. Pursuant to article 2 of Annex VI (Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Tribunal shall be composed of a body of 21 independent Members elected from among persons enjoying the highest reputation for fairness and integrity and of recognized competence in the field of the law of the sea. The principle of equitable geographical representation and the representation of the principal legal systems of the world shall be assured.

2. Article 4 of the Statute requires that the Members be elected by the Meeting of States Parties from a list of candidates nominated by the Governments of the States Parties to the Convention. The Meeting of States Parties decided at its first meeting 1/ that a State in the process of becoming a Party to the Convention might nominate candidates. Such nominations would remain provisional unless the State concerned had deposited its instrument of ratification or accession before 1 July 1996. 2/

3. In accordance with the provisions of article 4, other relevant provisions of the Statute and of the Convention as well as the decision of the Meeting of States Parties, 3/ the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 27 March 1995, invited the Permanent Representatives of States to request their Governments to submit the names of the candidates whom their Governments might wish to nominate for election to the Tribunal, bearing in mind the decisions taken by the Meeting of States Parties on the matter.

4. The provisional list of candidates contained in the annex to the present note is presented for the information of the Meeting of States Parties. It

contains all nominations received by the Secretariat as of 26 February 1996. The curricula vitae of the candidates are available with the Secretariat for reference and will be appended to the final list, under article 4, paragraph 2, of the Statute, to be presented prior to the election.

Notes

1/ The first meeting was held on 21 and 22 November 1994.

2/ SPLOS/3, para. 16 (b).

3/ Ibid., para. 10.

ANNEX

Provisional list of candidates

Name and nationality	Nominated by
Akl, Joseph (Lebanon)	Lebanon
Anderson, David (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Attard, David J. (Malta)	Malta
Caminos, Hugo (Argentina)	Argentina
Degni-Ségui, Réne (Côte d'Ivoire)	Côte d'Ivoire
Eiriksson, Gudmundur (Iceland)	Iceland
El-Hussein, Ali (Sudan)	Sudan
Engo, Paul Bamela (Cameroon)	Cameroon
Fomba, Salifou (Mali)	Mali
Guzmán Ovalle, E. Fernando (Guatemala)	Guatemala
Hakapää, Kari (Finland)	Finland
Jacovides, Andreas (Cyprus)	Cyprus
Kolodkin, Anatoly Lazarevich (Russian Federation)	Russian Federation
Laing, Edward A. (Belize)	Belize
Ndiaye, Tafsir Malick (Senegal)	Senegal
Marotta Rangel, Vicente (Brazil)	Brazil
Mensah, Thomas (Ghana)	Ghana
Nelson, L. Dolliver M. (Grenada)	Grenada
Paolillo, Felipe (Uruguay)	Uruguay
Park, Choon-Ho (Republic of Korea)	Republic of Korea
Pinto, M. C. W. (Sri Lanka)	Sri Lanka
Rao, P. Chandrasekhara (India)	India

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Name and nationality	Nominated by
Rosenne, Shabtai (Israel)	Israel
Shearer, Ivan (Australia)	Australia
Treves, Tullio (Italy)	Italy
Vukas, Budislav (Croatia)	Croatia
Yamamoto, Soji (Japan)	Japan
Yankov, Alexander (Bulgaria)	Bulgaria
Yorac, Haydee B. (Philippines)	Philippines

Notification of intent to submit nominations received from the United States of America.

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LETTER DATED 28 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

Implications of the United Nations budget for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

I wish to bring to your attention an important matter that pertains to the preparation of the initial budget for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

You will recall that the Third Meeting of States Parties (27 November-1 December 1995) considered the question of funding the expenses for the preparatory work to be carried out by the Secretary-General before the judges are elected on 1 August 1996, which amounted to approximately $191,000 (SPLOS/WP.1, para. 34). The Secretariat was requested to seek a revision of its budget to incorporate those additional costs.

The General Assembly, when considering for adoption the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, placed a ceiling on the budget with the requirement of a further reduction of approximately $154 million. Given this situation, it is not feasible to request additional or supplementary allocations to meet the sum of $191,000. In addition, any possibility that may have existed to meet this sum from within the reduced budget of the Office of Legal Affairs no longer exists. I have been asked to downsize our proposed budget by means of, inter alia, a 6.4 per cent vacancy rate, and it now appears that we will have an even higher vacancy rate in order to achieve our required reductions. It is simply not possible for us to finance the $191,000 now.

In the light of the above, we have included this item in the new budget proposal for the Tribunal. I sincerely hope that this matter can be the subject of consultations with States Parties prior to the Meeting so as to expedite a

decision and avoid prolonged deliberations, which would not be cost-effective. The Secretariat has also addressed this issue in the revision of the draft initial budget (SPLOS/WP.1/Rev.1, para. 46).

(Signed) Hans CORELL
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The Legal Counsel